

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN PORTS AS PER INTERNATIONAL STANDARD
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian Ports do not conform to the international standard ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether there is a proposal under consideration of the Government to develop Indian Ports to conform to the International standards ;
- (d) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (e) the time by which the modernisation plan for the development of Indian Ports is likely to be formulated and finalised ?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS AND SHIPPING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b) The ports differ in their characteristics owing to geographical and historical reasons. The Indian Major Ports in general have the facilities similar to ports in other parts of the world but the performance in respect of each of them does not compare favourably with that of the most efficient Ports of the world on parameters such as throughput and productivity.

(c) to (e) The development and modernisation of Major Ports is an ongoing continuous process. The development programmes being undertaken at present lay emphasis on the following aspects aimed at enhancing standards of the Indian Major Ports and their productivity :

- Construction and Equipping New Berths
- Acquisition of state-of-the-art Equipment to match the emerging Cargo Mix
- Establishment of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI)
- Setting up of Vessel Traffic Management System (VTMS)
- Labour Training and Welfare
- Increased Role of Private Sector
- Corporatisation of Major Ports